MONTH	*ALLOCATION (FIGS. IN MTs)*
October '91	35638
November '91	35975
December '91	36975

Opening of Gopalpur Coal Mines in Orissa

4612. KUMARI FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages and families likely to be affected by the opening of the Gopalpur Coal mines in Sundargarh district of Orissa;

(b) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government for the resettlement of these displaced families;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to provide employment to at least one member from each of these families;

(d) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to open the coal divisions at Gopalpur; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) 68 families residing in parts of three villages, namely Tikilapada, Kulapada and Surdeja are likely to be affected by opening of Basundhara East Opencast Project of Gopalpur coal mining region in Sundergarn district of Orissa.

(b) Resettlement of displaced families is proposed to be done in accordance with the guidelines drawn in consultation with the State Government of Orissa.

(c) Land losers will be given preference in employment in the project depending upon the availability of vacancies and suitability of candidates.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Development of Integrated Fisheries Project, Cochin

4613. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the steps taken for the development of the Integrated Fisheries Project in Cochin?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): The following are some of the steps taken for development/expansion of integrated Fisheries Project, Cochin:

(i) A unit of Integrated Fisheries Project was established in Visakhapatnam and started functioning from 1989 onwards. This unit envisages product development and popularisation of value added products from low value fishes available along the east coast and their test marketing.

(ii) The capacity of the cold storage has been increased from 25 tonnes to 125 tonnes.

(iii) A modern Marine engineering Workshop was commissioned in 1990.